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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARIES RICHARDSON
AND INGERSOLL

WE APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND EVALUATION OF CHINESE
POSITION. WE FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT, HOWEVER, TO PUT THIS
SUGGESTION FORWARD FOR PRC CONSIDERATION AND HOPE THAT
POINTS MADE IN REFTEL, IF GIVEN POSITIVE EMPHASIS IN
CONTEXT OF SUGGESTION RATHER THAN CONTENTION OR NEGOTIATION,
WILL BE REGARDED BY CHINESE AS WELL-INTENTIONED. BELIEVE
USLO SHOULD STRESS THAT WE HAVE ONLY ONE MOTIVATION: TO
ENABLE EXHIBITION TO HAVE GREATEST IMPACT AMONG US
PEOPLE - ESPECIALLY AMONG AMERICANS WHO OTHERWISE HAVE
LITTLE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE EVIDENCE OF US-PRC RELATIONSHIP
OR LEARN OF ACHIEVEMENTS AND IMPORTANCE OF PRC TODAY. WE
AGREE ENTIRELY THAT WE SHOULD EXPRESS OUR FULL AWARENESS
OF AND APPRECIATION FOR THE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AND
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SPECIAL TREATMENT ON THIS MATTER ALREADY REFLECTED IN THE

SIX MONTHS - TWO CITIES OFFER. IN RAISING THIS MATTER,
USLO MAY SAY THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT THE PRC MAY HAVE
CONSIDERATIONS WHICH MAKE OUR FURTHER REQUEST IMPOSSIBLE
TO ACCEPT AND, IF SO, WE WILL WITHDRAW OUR REQUEST WITHOUT
FURTHER DISCUSSION, HAVING RAISED IT ONLY OUT OF OUR STRONG

DESIRE TO DO WHAT WE BELIEVE WOULD BE MOST BENEFICIAL FOR
SUCCESS OF THE EXHIBITION. YOU MAY ALSO INDICATE FLEXIBI-
LITY IN OUR REQUEST, SUGGESTING THAT EIGHT MONTHS OR
NINE MONTHS WOULD ALLOW US TO ADD ONE CITY. YOU SHOULD
DROP REFERENCE TO CHINESE-AMERICANS IN PENULTIMATE
SENTENCE OF PARAGRAPH 7 REF B. RUSH

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